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Jacob Appelbaum

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Dear Mr. Appelbaum:

The California Highway Patrol (CHP), Office of Community Outreach and Media Relations (COMR), received your California Public Records Act (CPRA) request, dated and received by this office on June 9, 2020. On June 19, 2020, COMR notified you the 10-day response timeframe was being extended by an additional 14 days, as authorized by California Government Code 6253, subdivisions (c)(1) and (c)(3).

In your request you asked for the following, verbatim:

- All records, documents, emails, and other correspondence regarding or related to the 2016 model As350b3 Airbus helicopters inc helicopter as well as any additional equipment attached to the aircraft. This aircraft has serial number 8169 and holds registration N981HP. This aircraft uses the mode-s code of ADAF98 in hexadecimal. I request records, documents, emails, privacy assessments, purchase orders, maintenance records, and other correspondence relating to the equipment.
- Additionally, I would like any manuals, procedures, communications protocols, and any communications related to inter-agency coordination. This should include pilot logs, flight plans, and surveillance plans. Specifically, I am looking for any and all data relating to flights over and near the city of San Francisco. The data for the last week with a focus on the months of May and June 2020 where the aircraft was documented flying in circles over demonstrations at an altitude of 2,025 feet. Any imaging or other surveillance data from onboard collection is additionally requested, as well as any policies which govern the collection, processing, use, and dissemination of this data. Any communication about this data or related data should be included, especially inter-agency communications, and metadata.



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The Office of COMR has determined the Department possesses records responsive to your request. The requested records are being collected and require redactions to comply with various provisions of law. The process of collecting, reviewing, redacting, and routing through proper channels may take approximately 60 days. Once this process has been completed and the records have been properly reviewed, you will be notified and informed of the cost to obtain the requested records.

If you have any questions or if you need additional information, please contact this office at (916) 843-3310.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. Clader", is written above the printed name.

F. CLADER
Director of Communications